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SUBJECT: TURKISH AIDE MEMOIRE ON DODECANESE ISLANDS

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1. FCO ACTING SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT HEAD
WESTON TELLS US THAT, WHEN HE RECEIVED TURKISH AMBASSADOR
LAST WEEK, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY BRIMELOW TOLD
AMBASSADOR THAT UPON FIRST PERUSAL ARTICLE 14 OF
ITALIAN PEACE TREATY SEEMED PERFECTLY CLEAR AND STRAIGHT-
FORWARD ON QUESTION OF DEMILITARIZATION OF DODECANESE.
TURKISH NOTE IS BEING GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND
OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO CONSULT MINISTERS ON IT.

2. WESTON NOTED THAT GREEKS HAVE NOT DENIED FORTIFICA-
TION AND TROOPS ON DODECANESE ISLANDS, BUT SIMPLY STATED
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THEY HAVE NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. GREEK AMBASSADOR

ROUSSOS SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH BRIMELOW APRIL 11
REHASHING ENTIRE HISTORY OF GREEK-TURKISH RELA-

TIONSHIPS

OVER THE AEGEAN, EMPHASIZING HOW DANGEROUS SITUATION IS.
BRIMELOW HAS NOT INFORMED THE GREEKS OF COMMENT HE MADE
TO THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR.

3. WESTON ALSO NOTED THAT TURKS IN THEIR APPROACH TO UN
HAVE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT OTHER ISLANDS OFF COAST BEYOND
DODECANESE. THEIR LEGAL CASE AS TO THOSE SEEMS LESS
CLEAR.

4. WHEN QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED IN NATO, BELGIANS THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA TO COORDINATE A REPLY ON BEHALF OF
NATO MEMBERS. THEIR SUGGESTION THAT GREEK DEPLOYMENTS
BE CONNECTED WITH NATO SEEMS A BIT TRANSPARENT, WESTON
THOUGHT, BUT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISMISS IT. IT
MIGHT PRESENT POSSIBILITIES.

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